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428 Hongkong, August 21, 1888.



The attention and financial attainments of the nobility in the India Office, but amounts to a positive disservice on the part of the Finance Committee in the alleged saving of the public purse. The firms at Bombay, Kurrachi and other Indian cities are now have a better chance than formerly of participating in the leaves and fishes, of which they have a perfect right to a share. Upon comparing the rates given in the Report of the Government General of India in India, with those at which the firms mentioned would undertake the work, it is found that the United saving descends down to ten per cent., and even lower. This latter sum could not be much above what might be regarded as the fair margin a ready referred to. As a couple of centuries, though probably very awkward delays to the parties concerned, may be mentioned that on one occasion some miles of rails and bolts were sent out without the accompanying fish and trout to joint the rails, and on another, complete selling stock was despatched with the thought afterwards, that the buyers had been left behind. Nevertheless, existence, which cannot be almost sufficient to ruin the products of a private firm, passed both unnoted and unpunished, although some blame must have to be blamed for it. Surely as a free port labors under some disadvantages in the development of her agricultural and manufacturing capabilities, without using the term in an alms-house sense it may be borne in mind that the exercise of a certain virtue towards our neighbors is inculcated upon the highest authority, and that there is a good old adage about living and letting live.—*Strait Times.*

An Important Discovery is announced to the "Paris Pigaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and premature decay. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it consisted in having found a medicinal plant, in early June. We learn that the Rev. Father Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Goswainbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self addressed stamped envelope.

Quotations

HONGKONG, August 31.

Ptium—New Patna, cash... 505
 " Old cash... 510
 " New Benares, cash... 485
 " Old cash... 500/55
 Allowance, Tael... 8/24
 Old Malwa, cash... 589
 Allowance, Tael... 8/32
 Portian, Oily, cash 475/500
 Allowance, Tael... 16/32
 Foreign Payor filed 500/320
 Allowance, Tael... 16/40

Exchange.

HONGKONG, August 31.

In London—
Bank, Wire, 2 11½
 " On demand, 3/10
 " 30 days' sight, 3/10
 " 4 months' sight, 3/10
Credits, 4 3/10
Demerituary, 4 months' sight 3/10

In New York—
On demand, 3.80
Credits, 4 months' sight, ... 3.85
In Hong Kong—
On demand, 74½
Credits, 60 days' night, ... 74½
In Bombay—
Wire, 224
On demand, 224
In Calcutta—
Wire, 224
On demand, 224
In Shanghai—
On demand, 72
 " 30 days' night, 72½
 " 60 days' night, 100 fine ... 74.20
In Yokohama, 80.56

Temperature.

Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises,
(Queen's Road.)

Thermometer—9 A.M.... .. 29.65
Do. 1 P.M.... .. 29.80
Do. 4 P.M.... .. 29.75

Thermometer—9 A.M.... .. 86
Do. 1 P.M.... .. 89
Do. 4 P.M.... .. 88
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 82
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 83
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 83
Do. Maximum 89
Do. Minimum 83

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

AT 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Barometer 29.74
Temperature 86
Humidity 73
Direction of Wind N
Force of Wind 1
Weather c

Hongkong Observatory, August 31, 1888.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

AUGUST 30.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Temperature at 32° N.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Force.	Weather.	Rain during previous day.
Hongkong.	29.71	64	—	—	0	c	—
Canton.	29.76	—	—	s	3	—	—
Aomori.	29.62	—	—	n	4	—	—
Shanghai.	29.70	85	76	n	4	b	—
Amoy.	29.69	87	76	se	3	c	—
Lungtung.	29.72	87	69 ssw	1	c	—	—
Haiphong.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hollando.	29.77	80	69 sw	2	b	—	—
Manila.	29.71	86	74 ssw	3	c	—	—

AUGUST 31.—AT 10 A.M.

Hongkong.	29.73	67	97 sw	1	b	0.04	—
Canton.	29.72	—	—	sw	1	—	—
Aomori.	29.72	81	87 nnnv	1	p	—	—
Shanghai.	29.81	79	77 w	3	b	0.04	—
Amoy.	29.81	85	78 w	1	c	—	—
Lungtung.	29.81	85	78 w	1	e	—	—
Haiphong.	29.81	85	78 w	1	c	—	—
Hollando.	29.83	85	78 sw	1	c	—	—
Manila.	29.83	88	78 sw	1	c	—	—

The barometer has risen in southern Japan and gradients are slight for S.W. winds. Cloudy but warm and fine weather prevails.

W. DONNER,

Government Astronomer.

Hongkong Observatory, August 31.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. THERMOMETER, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, by percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort's scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, if blue sky, e. drizzle, d. drizzle, r. rain, f. fog, g. gloom, h. haze, l. lightning, o. overcast, p. passing showers, r. rain, s. snow, t. thunder, v. visibility, w. dew, etc.

7. Sea, lighter, tender and unsteady, light, heavy, rough, calm, smooth, choppy, glassy, etc.

